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1. IN SEVERAL RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS HAVE AGAIN ASKED FOR USG ANSWERS TO THREE DIPLOMATIC NOTES REQUESTING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

2. THERE ARE THREE REQUESTS INVOLVED: (A) ON JUNE 5, GOA ASKED THAT A "MISSION OF EXPERTS FROM THE US BUREAU OF MINES" COME TO ALGERIA. THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY HAS FOLLOWED UP WITH A LETTER TO THE EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICER, DATED OCTOBER 29, ASKING THAT THE USG BUREAU OF MINES SEND MISSION TO STUDY THE TRANSFER OF THE SERVICE OF GEOLOGICAL MAPS AND DOCUMENTATION TO THE GOA'S PROJECTED NEW CENTER IN BOUMERDES, LOCATED 25 MILES EAST OF ALGIERS. (B) JUNE 30 NOTE ASKED FOR 200 AMERICAN ENGINEERS AND TECHNICAL SUPERVISORS FOR SONATRACH AND AFFILIATE COMPANIES. IN RECENT DISCUSSION WITH ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL OFFICERS, INDUSTRY AND ENERGY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY OFFICIALS SAID ANOTHER REQUEST FOR SIMILAR ASSISTANCE WAS BEING PREPARED. (C) JULY 15 NOTE REQUESTED 200 AMERICAN

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OVER THE NEXT SEVEN YEARS, CONCURRENT WITH SENDING AN EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF ALGERIANS TO THE US FOR ADVANCED STUDY. NOTES (B) AND (C) WERE POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT AUTUST 6, 1975. UNFORTUNATELY, NOTE (A) APPARENTLY WAS NOT FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT. WE POUCHING IMMEDIATELY, TOGETHER WITH NEW COPIES (B) AND (C).

3. ALGERIANS ASKING FOR RESPONSE BEYOND EMBASSY'S PRESENT POSITION THAT MATTERS BEING STUDIED IN WASHINGTON. DURING SEPTEMBER VISIT TO WASHINGTON, PAO UNDERSTOOD THAT EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS INVOLVING DEPARTMENT, USAID AND USAID SPECIAL TECHNICAL SERVICES LOOKED INTO QUESTION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ALGERIA.

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